



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

August 2014 – Our next outing will be a bus trip to the ANA show in Rosemont on August 7, leaving 8:30 AM from College Avenue Park & Ride (SW corner). Our next regular meeting is August 21, 7 PM, at the Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. The program will be an educational video about the first US Mint.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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August Coin of the Month

Featured this month is a sealed uncirculated George Washington Indian Peace Medal. An original is worth a small fortune, but this faithful replica can be had for an opening bid of just \$5.



August 2014 MNS President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me with confirmation that they will be attending the August 7th club sponsored bus trip down to the ANA convention. It seems like we should have a good turn-out and hopefully you are looking forward to it as much as I am.

Last month's outing to the Villa Terrace was very well attended with about twenty-six members, guest, and spouses in attendance. We couldn't have asked for a better evening to enjoy the gardens and collections overlooking Lake Michigan.

At the August 21st meeting please plan on sticking around after the regular business to watch one of the educational films in our library. The title we will view is "Frank Stewart and the First United States Mint" presented by Leonard Augsburger at the 2010 Early American Coppers Convention in Annapolis. Leonard also wrote a book a few years back on this topic. It should be educational and interesting all at the same time.

As of this writing, no one has signed up to bring refreshments to the August meeting. Please let me know if you can bring something to be enjoyed by all whilst watching the video, otherwise we will just go without this month. Remember, the club reimburses you up to \$50 for the refreshments provided.

Just to reiterate, the bus to Rosemont will leave promptly at 8:30 AM on Thursday, August 7th from the park and ride lot on College Avenue in Oak Creek along the southbound lanes of the Interstate. If you are a last minute type, please just meet at the park and ride lot in advance of 8:30 AM and there should be space available for you to attend the trip. I look forward to seeing many of you soon and spending the day at the convention!

Happy Collecting,
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Directions to College Avenue Park & Ride

On August 7, MNS is sponsoring a bus trip to the ANA Show in Rosemont, IL. Meet at 8:30 AM, and expect to leave the convention center at 5 PM and be home by about 7 PM. The meeting place is the Park & Ride on the SW corner of College Avenue at I-94. From the north side of Milwaukee take south I-43 to south I-94, exit at College Avenue, turn right and then left into the parking lot. From the west you can take I-894 bypass to I-94 south and exit at College, turn right and then left into the parking lot.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2014 are held at 7 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

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| Dec 19: | Holiday Party |
| Jan 16: | New officer induction |
| Feb 20: | Brian O'Keefe: Securing Your Collection |
| Mar 20: | Merit Badge Program |
| Apr 17: | Fred Borgmann: Wisconsin Military Medals Presentation |
| May 15: | Spring Auction (Dave H) |
| Jun 19: | Non-numismatic hobbies |
| Jul 17: | Summer Outing at Villa Terrace (Meet at 6 PM) 2220 N. Terrace Ave. Milwaukee, WI |
| Aug 21: | Educational Video Viewing ("Frank Stewart & the First US Mint") |
| Sep 18: | Numismatic Trivia Game |
| Oct 16: | Raffle drawing |
| Nov 20: | Auction (Dave H) |
| Dec 18: | Holiday Party |

Annual Dues

Dues for 2014 are \$10. They may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2014 Numismatic Events

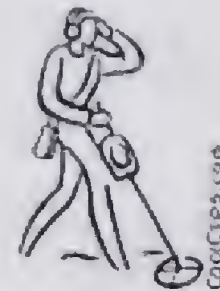
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| August 7 | MNS Sponsored Bus Trip to ANA World's Fair of Money (8:30 AM-7 PM) |
| August 5-9 | ANA World's Fair of Money (Rosemont, IL) Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr. |
| August 17 | Fond du Lac Club Show Holiday Inn 625 W. Rolling Meadows |
| August 23 | Sheboygan Coin & Stamps Laker's Ice Center 1202 S. Wildwood Ave. 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM |
| Oct. 5, 2014 | MNS Coin Show Serb Hall, Milwaukee |
| October 26 | Elgin, IL Coin Club Show Elgin Moose Family Center 925 S. McLean Blvd. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM |

Refreshment Schedule

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| Jan: | Dave Herrewig |
| Feb: | Don Kaminski |
| Mar: | Tom Dallmann |
| Apr: | Dave Hunsicker |
| May: | Stu Caddell |
| Jun: | Pam Talmadge |
| Jul: | N/A |
| Aug: | Open |
| Sep: | Open |
| Oct: | Justin Perrault |
| Nov: | Leon Adraktas |
| Dec: | Holiday Pizza Gang |

The Chance of a Lifetime

Metal detecting with Ringy and KG, the stars of "Diggers"



By: Bruce Benoit

Just prior to the 4th of July weekend while attending the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) annual Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado, I was able to spend the day metal detecting with Tim "The Ringmaster" Saylor and George "King George" Wyant of the National Geographic Channel's number one rated "Diggers" TV show. WOW! Where do I start?

The all-day outing was arranged through the ANA as an elective outing between the two-week long "Coin Camp" sessions. At a cost of more than a couple Franklin's, I initially thought this a bit pricey, but now that I look back, it was priceless! Approximately 25 participants boarded the bus with KG and Ringy at the Colorado College campus, where the ANA seminar is based. We headed west into the mountains to an unknown location. Along the way we were able to get to know the stars through their stories and answers to all of our questions. They seemed just as excited as the participants to enjoy the day metal detecting. As the bus came to a stop at the base of a large hill with a running stream and a log cabin up top, we had a choice to walk up or wait to be shuttled five at a time, I chose the hike. Along the way in the middle of the dirt and gravel roadway I spotted the first find of the day, a clad Roosevelt dime. As I approached the group I yelled "Hey Ringy, I found roundness on the road" and held up the find. I got a few chuckles from several people, including Tim. Up top we all gathered near the cabin and started unpacking our gear. We then received basic detecting instructions and discussed several different approaches we could take when planning to search a property like this. The property was owned by Colorado College and used as a campus retreat and study area. We were excited to hear that the ANA had spiked the area with coins including several silver dollars. Before we started George and Tim made sure that all of us were comfortable with our equipment and had proper digging tools, as some had never detected before.



Then we were all released to find our treasures. After I ground balanced my machine, I headed down a slope from the side of the cabin to the nearest and largest tree in that area. I started receiving signals right away and started digging all targets. I was mostly finding ferrous metal objects along with aluminum and bottle caps, typical when searching in "all metal" mode. At the base of the tree I located a target about 4" deep, it

was a Lincoln Cent that had been in the ground for decades. Next I found a 38 Special shell casing and more bottle caps. I looked up toward the cabin and figured out the bottle cap thing. I was within throwing distance of the outdoor porch, so that explained it. I then looked around and there was no one within sight; I took off my headphones and heard some commotion up over the hill on the opposite

side of the cabin. By the time I worked my way in that direction, I saw our entire class scouring the hillside with evidence of digging all over the place. I was too late, all of the planted coins must have been in that location, and now in the pockets of my classmates. Then I heard someone shout for KG from the front slope of the cabin, and most of the detectorists flowed toward that direction. I decided to stay where I was and challenge myself to locate a coin that was overlooked by the group. Bingo! Just after I switched my machine to discriminate mode I located an 1887 Indian cent just below the surface right next to an area that looked dug out.

Word was out that no one had found the silver dollars yet and that kept everyone focused on possibly finding one. Others were also finding "Sil" a term coined by KG and Ringy meaning silver, or silver coin. Several times when trying to pinpoint a target I called KG or Tim over to assist me in recovering an item. Both of them were very helpful and scanned the object with their detectors and pinpoint tools and gave me some feedback as to whether it was worth digging or not. I was having some problems with my pin pointer, as it was borrowed and not as sensitive as theirs. The key to metal detecting is to have a machine that suits your needs, then, learn to understand that machine and its sounds. This may take some years to perfect. I was using a newer machine that I was not yet accustomed to, made for locating gold, with a large coil for scanning larger areas. Later Tim nicknamed it "The Beast", due to its size, weight, large coil, and heavy external 12 volt lead-acid battery. I could have brought and used one of my other detectors, but I was in gold country and forcing myself to spend more time in the field with this one.

After a while of filling my junk pouch with more nails and bottle caps, and another planted wheat cent, I was feeling hungry and realized that again I was the only one out there. Sure enough it was lunchtime and everybody was up in the cabin eating. I soon joined them for more conversation and stories from KG. After lunch we still had a couple of hours of detecting time left and I decided to scan an area alongside the gravel road leading towards the cabin. I soon got accustomed to the sound of those darn bottle caps that were everywhere and focused on better sounding targets. I tried to get the most out of the outing by listening to my new detector and absorbing information and comradery with KG and Ringy. They were very much enjoying themselves with the group and later explained that they do not get to just go out and detect without the camera crew and producers much anymore. I could tell that they were having just as much fun as we were.

Soon it was time to pack up our gear and head down the mountain to the waiting bus. Once on the bus we all had a great time sharing more stories and learning more about the "Diggers" boys.

Many of the questions asked pertained to how they got their start together and some of the greatest moments from the TV show. While on the bus ride back to "Coin Camp" they were very generous with presents for all. They personalized autographed pictures for each of us and gave us collector tokens, detecting books from Garrett, Tim's book titled *Treasure Hunting with Team ATC-Stories, History, Pictures, Lessons & Ignorance*, as well as hats, tee-shirts, patches, and more. Gifts were handed out based on items



found, and trivia questions from the past T.V. show episodes. They also gave each of us six DVD's that they produced prior to all of the fame from the "Diggers" show.



Tim and George developed Team ATC (Anaconda Treasure.com), a website that they created during their journey to promote the hobby. They also gave away a new Garrett pin pointer to a lucky participant with a draw from a hat.

All in all I can really say that this experience was "The Chance of a Lifetime". Even though I only found three cents, it was priceless. We later found out that they were no silver dollars planted on the site. Some participants found ten coins while others found none. I would like to thank ANA Governor Mike Ellis for arranging this opportunity, as him and Tim Saylor go way back in trading Montana trade tokens. And lastly a huge thank you to Tim and George for taking the time out of their increasingly busy filming schedule to spend the day with us. It is a day I will never forget.



Neil Shafer awarded 2014 Farran Zerbe Memorial Award

Longtime member to be presented with highest honor given by the ANA

Hall of Fame numismatist Neil Shafer will be presented with the American Numismatic Association's highest honor, the 2014 Farran Zerbe Memorial Award, on Aug. 8 during the Awards Banquet at the Chicago World's Fair of MoneySM in Rosemont, Illinois.

The Farran Zerbe Memorial Award is the highest honor conferred by the ANA and is given in recognition of numerous years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics.



"I am very pleased and honored to be given this prestigious award," Shafer said. "Having been an ANA member for over 60 years, I have tried to contribute to the numismatic hobby in a meaningful way, and it is gratifying to know that my work has been appreciated."

Shafer's tireless dedication to the hobby includes being an instructor at Summer Seminar and authoring numismatic articles for major publications. He has also been a coin club officer and exhibited and judged at numerous conventions, including ANA shows, Central States and FUN. Shafer's work with Young Numismatist and Scout programs has helped to ensure the hobby is passed on to new generations.

Shafer has won many awards for his contributions to the hobby, some of which include the ANA's Medal of Merit (1990), Adult Advisor of the Year (1993), Presidential Award (1996), Lifetime Achievement Award (2007). Other awards he has won are the Numismatic Literary Guild Clemmy Award (2004), and the Central States Numismatic Society Elston G. Bradfield Writer's Award (1989). In 2008, he was enshrined in the Numismatic Hall of Fame.

He is a founding member of the Milwaukee Midwest Chapter of the IBNS and is also a member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society, and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society as well as a number of other organizations.##

MNS Outing at Villa Terrace, July 17

Photos by Peter Caddell



The courtyard of Sopra Mare



Members on the portico



The gardens



View from the east



Sailing on Lake Michigan at sunset



Neptune Gate